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- The church is God's Household (οἶκῳ θεοῦ) (1Timothy 3:15)

- The plan or administration of God is His (οἰκονομίαν) (1Timothy 1:4)

- The one who is to care for the household of God is the steward (οἰκονόμον) (Titus 1:7)

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- "The home is regarded as the training ground for Christian leaders" (Donald Guthrie, p. 195)

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3. Elders Must be Blameless in Their Devotion (ἀντεχόμενον) to the Faithful Word (1:9)

a) Faithful (πιστοῦ λόγου)

b) According to the teaching (τῆν διδασχῆν)

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- "For" (γάρ) gives the justification or the reason for quality elders, especially v. 9 (note ἐλέγχειν v. 9 and ἔλεγε v. 13):

### Family Men Fending for the Family of God

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2. Empty Talkers (ματαιολόγοι)

- ματαιος 'devoid of force, truth, success, result, thus 'unmeaning, in vain'

- λογος (λεγω) 'word or speech,' speech that is in vain, without result, speech that does not bring the results that it should:

- μάταιος a favorite Jewish word of scorn for heathen idols and worship and heathenism in general (cf. v. 16 βδελουκτοῖ):

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- ἀπάτη 'to cheat, beguile, deceive'

- φρήν 'mind'

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- They are of 'such a class' (οἷτινες) they are ruining whole (ὄλους) households (οἴκους):

- This is where order or cohesion need such careful guidance (cf. 1:6; 2:1-10):

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- Church fathers like Clement of Alexandria, Jerome, Chrysostom and Augustine identified the author as the Cretan teacher Epimenides who was thought to be by his compatriots a prophet and miracle-worker:

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1. Always Liars (ἀεὶ ψεύσται) (1:12)
    - ‘Perpetually, incessantly’ (ἀεὶ)
    - “To play the Cretan, to lie” (κρητιζῶ)
    - “Cretan behavior, lying” (κρητισμός)

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    - ‘evil wild beasts, unrestrained in their brutality, always on the prowl for prey’

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    - Idle sensualists:

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  4. Detestable (βδελυκτοὶ) (1:16)
    - Loathsome, causing disgust because of their hypocrisy:

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  5. Disobedient (ἀπειθεῖς)
    - Insubordinate to God’s truth, surrendering to man-made rules:

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  6. Worthless for any Good Deed (ἔργον ἀγαθὸν ἀδόκιμοι)

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 E. *The Errors of the False Teachers (1:15-16)*  
 F. *The Response (1:11a, 13)*
1. Silence Them (ἐπιστομίζειν) (1:11a)
  2. Reprove Sharply (ἔλεγε ἀποτόμως) (1:13a)
- G. *The Desired Result (ἵνα θηλαίνωσιν) (1:13b)*